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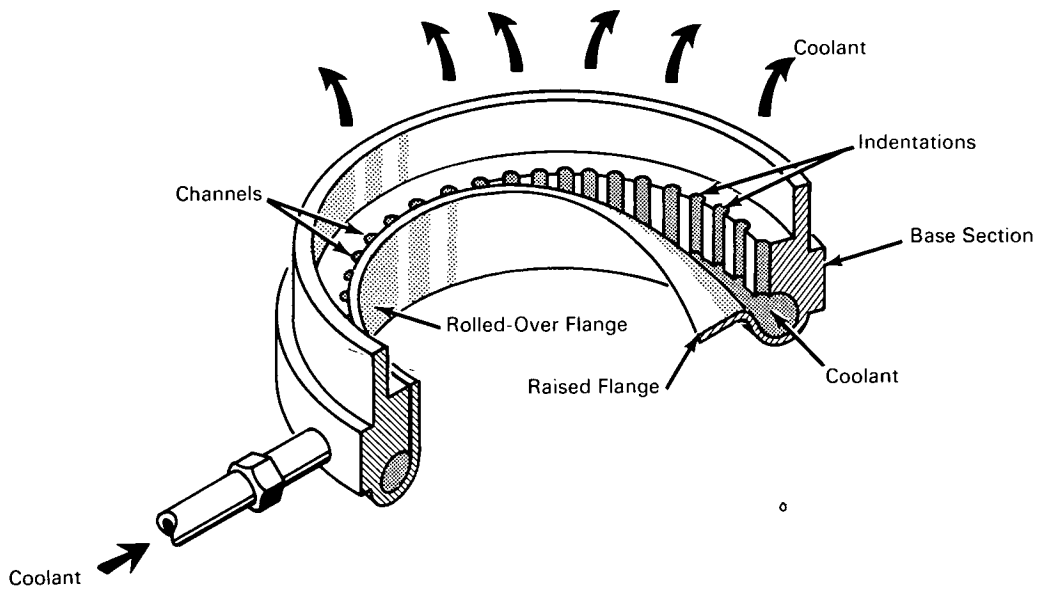
Radial Coolant Channels Fabricated by Simplified Method



The problem:

To devise a simplified method of fabricating radial channels for distributing a coolant over the inner wall of a circular section. Conventional fabrication methods employ numerous small diameter tubes which require a large amount of welding to a base section and careful inspection to ensure reliable bonds.

The solution:

Form the channels by cold-rolling indentations on the inside circumference of the base section and cover the indentations with a rolled-over flange.

How it's done:

The base section is fabricated with a raised flange, the required number of indentations are rolled into the base section, and the flange is rolled over them to form the coolant distribution channels.

Note:

Inquiries concerning this innovation may be directed to:

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